

PATENT

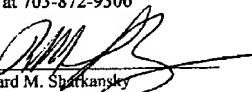
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****NOV 29 2004**

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|------|
| Appl. No. | : | 09/540,825 | Confirmation No.: | 2354 |
| Applicant | : | Black et al. | | |
| Filed | : | March 31, 2000 | | |
| T.C./A.U. | : | 2112 | | |
| Examiner | : | Christopher E. Lee | | |
| Docket No. | : | EMC2-043PUS | | |
| Customer No. | : | 45456 | | |

Certificate of Transmission (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office at 703-872-9306

11-29-2004Date of Signature
and TransmissionBy: 
Richard M. ShapanskyINFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the enclosed documents listed on the attached copy of PTO form PTO/SB/08A (Formerly #1449).

The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: within three months of the filing date; or within three months of the entry of the national stage of the above-identified application; or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or before the mailing of a

Appl. No. 09/540,825

Docket No. EMC2-043PUS

first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
Accordingly, Applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees
associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 11-29-2004

By


Richard M. Sharkansky
Reg. No. 25,800
Attorney for Applicant(s)
P. O. Box 557
Mashpee, MA 02649
Tel.: (508) 477-4311
Fax: (508) 477-7234

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Complete If Known

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Application Number | 09/540,825 |
| Filing Date | March 31, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Black |
| Art Unit | 2112 |
| Examiner Name | Christopher E. Lee |
| Attorney Docket Number | EMC2-043PUS |

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
NOV 29 2004**

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature _____ **Date Considered** _____

¹EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 639. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.² Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).³ See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.⁴ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).⁵ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.⁷ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments or amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449/PTO | | <i>Complete if Known</i> | |
| | | Application Number | 09/540,825 |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i> | | Filing Date | March 31, 2000 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Black |
| | | Art Unit | 2112 |
| | | Examiner Name | Christopher E. Lee |
| Sheet | 2 | of | 2 |
| | | Attorney Docket Number | EMC2-043PUS |

| OTHER PRIOR ART-NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
| | | U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/540,828 filed 3/31/2000 | |
| | | U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/054,241 filed 1/22/2002 | |
| | | U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/539,966 filed 3/31/2000 | |
| | | U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/606,730 filed 6/29/2000 | |
| | | U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/606,734 filed 6/29/2000 | |
| | | U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/120,957 filed 1/22/2002 | |
| | | U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,156 filed 3/31/2000 | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Examiner Signature | Date Considered |
|--------------------|-----------------|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.